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APPARATUS AND CHARGED PARTICLE  
BEAM IRRADIATION METHOD

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.